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AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND AT
CAPITAL SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

The Capital Springs State Recreation Area (CSSRA) is a joint project of Dane County Parks and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which encompasses an area of 2,519 acres south of the City of Madison stretching from Upper Mud Lake north of Lake Waubesa west to the Nevin Fish Hatchery lands. The CCSRA is comprised of eight different recreational units focusing on the unique natural and water resources with a management vision for each zone.

Pursuant to the goals of both the *Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan 2012-2017* and the *Capital Springs State Recreation Area Master Plan 2010*, the Land & Water Resources Department recommends the acquisition of approximately 15 acres of vacant land in the City of Fitchburg within the E-Way Unit of the CSSRA. The site, located at the junction of E. Clayton Road and County Hwy MM, is strategically important for realigning the Capital City State Trail to improve safety and user experience. The parcel is adjacent to other County owned lands to the north and east in a highly visible location that will provide the opportunity to showcase the beauty of the CSSRA and E-Way in this highly urbanizing location.

The purchase price of \$272,400 is based upon a County-commissioned appraisal. Funds for the purchase are available in the Conservation Fund. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years. Dane County has received a preliminary award of State Stewardship grant funds for this acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 15 acres from the Schuepbach Trust and family for \$272,400 according to Wis. Stats Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenditure for this acquisition is hereby authorized in advance of the County's annual borrowing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dane County Clerk and Dane County Executive are authorized to execute grant contracts that require long-term ownership, management, and reporting obligations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Deputy Director or Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.